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Indiana University's storied past

By Austen L. Parrish



Indiana University celebrates its bicentennial this year, and the excitement is building on the Bloomington campus. Although the Maurer School of Law is a few years younger – we were founded in 1842 – we are joining the festivities with a yearlong list of events that honor our past and look toward the future.

Modeled after the state's program, the I.U. Historical Marker Program notes significant people, places, events and organizations that have had an extraordinary impact on the university, state, nation and world. Two of the law school's significant milestones are being honored with historical markers in the coming year.

Justice Juanita Kidd Stout, JD '48, LLM '54, LLD '66, is being recognized for her impact on the legal profession and her pathbreaking firsts as an African

American woman. After establishing her own practice and being appointed to the district attorney's office, in 1959 she received an interim appointment to the Philadelphia Municipal Court. Two months later, she was elected to that position and became the first African American woman in the United States to win election (or to be appointed) to a court of record. She followed that up by being the first black woman to be elected to the Court of Common Pleas. In 1988, Stout was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court – the first black woman in the nation to serve on a state supreme court.

During her long, pioneering career, Justice Stout received numerous awards and tributes, including the naming of the main criminal courthouse in Philadel-

phia in her honor in 2012, the first state building in Pennsylvania to be named after a woman. As a reflection of her life's significance, her papers are held at the Library of Congress.

The second historical marker commemorates two of the law school's legendary professors in connection with a landmark First Amendment case that began in Bloomington in front of Bryan Hall and ended up in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In response to the National Guard's killing of four students demonstrating against the Vietnam War at Kent State University on May 4, 1970, a group of anti-war protesters gathered at Bryan Hall on May 13, demanding to see President

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Joseph L. Sutton. Student Greg Hess shouted, "We'll take the f— street later," resulting in his arrest for violating the state's disorderly conduct statute. Represented by Prof. F. Thomas Schornhorst, Hess was convicted, and the Indiana Supreme Court upheld the conviction. Believing a First Amendment issue was at stake, Schornhorst and colleague Prof. Patrick L. Baude appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1973, the Court overturned Hess' conviction, finding the arrest to have been an unconstitutional infringement of his First Amendment rights. *Hess v. Indiana* remains an important case for its protection of speech that does not incite immediate unlawful action.

Law school alumni are playing an important part in the bicentennial celebrations. In late October we will welcome alumni board members to campus for a one-day summit at which they will not

only connect with one another but also have the opportunity to meet and support our current students. The summit kicks off a weekend of alumni-related activities, including a reunion of all current and former alumni board members – more than 200 in all – and reunions for the classes of 1959, 1969, 1994 and 2009.

One of the highlights of this year's alumni weekend will be the presentation of the school's Distinguished Service Award, given annually to alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities and the school in ways far exceeding traditional business, professional and civic duties. This year's honorees – Donald R. Lundberg, Susan C. Lynch, James G. Parker and Marisol Sanchez – will be recognized at a luncheon attended by the entire first-year JD class. The award presentation is part of the law school's innovative Legal Profession course, which introduces students to

professionalism and the varied ways that graduates carve out a successful career.

Next summer, we will welcome our Global Advisory Board to campus as part of the university's bicentennial celebration. This board builds partnerships and advances the school's mission in 10 countries around the world.

The law school is also celebrating Indiana University's bicentennial in partnership with other schools and departments across campus. For instance, a new undergraduate major in international law and institutions, which is a collaboration between the law school and the Hamilton Lugar School of Global & International Studies, will be formally launched this fall with a visit from Michael D. Kirby, a former justice of the High Court of Australia. The new MS degree in law and cybersecurity, offered in collaboration with the School of Informatics, Computing & Engineering and the Kelley School of Business, has quickly become the largest of our dual-degree programs. And we plan to join with other schools in commemoration of the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment's ratification.

Law school faculty, too, are being recognized for their achievements during this bicentennial year. Three of them – Jeannine A. Bell, Mark D. Janis and Leandra Lederman – were elected to the American Law Institute in the past year, bringing to 16 the number of faculty who are members of this prestigious organization. Prof. Lederman was selected to deliver the university's annual Tracy M. Sonneborn Lecture, which honors the late eminent scientist and exemplary teacher. This summer, Prof. Susan H. Williams was awarded the Australian National University Zines Prize for her essay on constitutional law in Burma (Myanmar). And Prof. Luis Fuentes-Rohwer's recent article in *Harvard Law Review* was cited by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan in her dissenting opinion in *Rucho v. Common Cause*, the Court's latest word on gerrymandering. Fuentes-Rohwer and Prof. Christiana Ochoa were recently named Herman B Wells Professors. Members of our faculty are recognized nationally

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and internationally for their research and scholarship: Prof. Brian J. Broughman just returned from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law; Prof. Lederman returned from a Fulbright fellowship in Luxembourg; Prof. Deborah A. Widiss returned from a Fulbright fellowship in Australia; Prof. H. Timothy Lovelace is visiting at the University of Virginia School of Law; and Prof. Gina-Gail S. Fletcher is visiting this semester at Duke Law School.

Our students continue to make important contributions. Beyond Bloomington, our students had the opportunity to participate in a unique program this past summer that exposed them to many facets of rural and small-city practice. The Rural Justice Initiative paired five students with judges in Orange, Putnam, Vigo, Washington and White counties, assisting

them with research, drafting motions and opinions, and learning about courtroom practice and procedure. The program is the brainchild of Indiana Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush and Judge Edward W. Najam Jr. of the Indiana Court of Appeals. Another example is our Federal Habeas Project, where students under the supervision of Prof. Michael K. Ausbrook '93 have successfully argued cases before the Indiana Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

The school's many other achievements in its nearly 200-year history are much too numerous to list here. Fortunately, they are being chronicled in a new book to be released this fall. *Indiana University Maurer School of Law: The First 175 Years* tells the fascinating story of the individuals who built, strengthened and sustained the law school from our mod-

est beginnings to our present-day place as one of the nation's best public law schools. Its authors are two people with vast institutional knowledge: Linda K. Fariss, director of the Jerome Hall Law Library emerita, and Keith A. Buckley, the current director. This handsome, illustrated book will be available in November.

The Maurer School of Law and Indiana University share a storied past. The university's bicentennial ties both schools together in what promises to be a memorable year of celebration and reflection. ♪

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